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Subscription Rates by Mail. Daily and Sunday... MARCH CIRCULATION. The number of complete and perfect copies of the Washington Times printed daily during the month of March was as follows:

The net total circulation of the Washington Times (daily) during the month of March was 1,238,786, all copies left over and returned by agents being eliminated.

A local jokesmith interprets D. A. R. as "Daughters of the Annual Revolution." Colonel Cosby says the new speedway will be ready to race over next week.

Everybody hopes that Dr. Wiley will come to the defense of alcohol as the real stuff in whisky. Why not arrest those Treasury columns for vagrancy, since they have no jobs and no apparent means of support?

With twenty-three marriage licenses issued yesterday, the June bride will have to bestir herself to beat the April record. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers will conduct a dance tonight.

Jannus may not yet have mastered the science of flying, but by contact with earth, air, and water, he is at least learning the elements. Moonlight excursions down the river will soon be rife.

The semi-annual personally conducted honeymoon trip to Washington, which Mrs. Gill chaperones from Richmond, Va., has just started fifteen new families on their wedding way.

It has taken a good many weeks to set the guy ropes, so to speak, but everything is today in readiness for a "pull all together as they say" for the George Washington Memorial Hall.

Swagar Shirley found Speaker Clark's gavel somewhat awkward to handle during his temporary service as presiding officer.

still another interesting and timely connection is that the first speaker for the negative side was Maurice B. Kirby, afterward Washington newspaper writer, and recently killed in New York, where he had made a success as a playwright.

A TIME FOR THE MOST CAREFUL PROCEDURE. Senator Stone of Missouri is expected to speak in the Senate tomorrow on his resolution directing the Foreign Affairs Committee to look into Mexican conditions and report with recommendations.

In the present extreme delicacy of conditions in Mexico every word uttered during consideration of this resolution will have special significance to Mexicans of all factions.

Reports from both sides justify strong hopes that the Mexicans will shortly inaugurate serious measures to compose their differences. The steady hand of the Washington Government should be held more firm than ever right now.

It is therefore peculiarly important that the forthcoming Congressional consideration of the whole situation should not intrude difficulties in the way of the adjustment of which there seems to be stronger hope than in months past.

Other signs and symbols are the heralds of spring. The portrait of the bearded Buck, toying in goatish glee with the first foaming tankard of his namesake brew, marks the arrival of spring itself.

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Think back twenty-five years and see how many of your acquaintances are following the same work in the same place as when you first saw them a quarter of a century ago.

WHERE DR. HILL DROPPED HIS MISSION. Those who didn't dance at the Schieppencour seem to be paying the fiddler.

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Impossible for Woman to Comprehend the Great National Game, Says Walter Johnson, Premier of Big League Pitchers

His Ten-Year-Old Sister Only Exception He Knows About.

BIG TWIRLER SAYS ITS BEYOND THEIR KEN

Fine Points Too Many and Varied for Feminine Understanding.

By JULIA MURDOCK.

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grows tough and the potatoes become soggy and the biscuits cool at the oven door, while the hussy, wild-eyed and red-faced, sits out on the bleachers, and yells, take him out!

Walter Johnson says this is the only way in which women can help—but, like the woman in the poem, "they never can understand."

Walter Johnson was fifteen years old when he realized that there was such a thing as baseball. Then, as a high school lad he was called upon one day after school to pitch a game.

arm, and his boy playmates discovered that he had in him the "makings" of a first class pitcher.

"Many a time when I lived on the farm," Johnson says, "I passed places where kids were playing baseball, and never knew what they were doing. I knew nothing at all about the game, and here's a funny thing, too," he added.

This did, indeed, seem a queer admission, coming from the man who made Coffeyville famous, though he modestly disclaims this credit.

TIMELY LETTERS TO THE TIMES MAIL BAG

KOPELIN COMBATS CLAIM OF SOCIALIST REACTION. To the Editor of THE TIMES: In your issue of April 13, John A. Crawley tells us that his claim of being a political prophet regarding the "decline" of socialism has been vindicated by the recent spring elections.

Every vote to send it to Judiciary will be a vote for direct elections. The country will get this view in its mind, and gentlemen who play sharp politics will in due time be pointed out.

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an hour's sleep, and back to work at 4 p. m. and works until 1 a. m. What time has this man to get the rest needed by nature for his tired limbs?

Those of us who wanted a dollar to put on the contribution plate or take an hour's rest on the trolley had to stand in line waiting our turn to get a fiver as an accommodation.

Our salary had been fully earned at 4:30 p. m. Saturday, April 15, 1911, but because of a ruling made, as I am informed, by the late Secretary Shaw, it could not be paid to us until the 16th.

The Administration has done noble work in limiting the activities and curbing the rapacity of the loan sharks, but the loan sharks did a rushing business last Saturday night.

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Equality of races will never occur, even under Republican rule, and color of skin (which holds no weight with God) will still be a bulwark for all time between the races.

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Tells of His Early Start and of His "Discovery" by Companions.

STAGE FRIGHT DOESN'T BOTHER HIM IN LEAST

Saves His Money and Dreams of His Farm in Kansas.

their moments of stage fright. I wondered if this particularly feminine experience ever came to baseball players.

"Well, I've had my moments of stage fright," he admitted, "but never got excited enough to forget that there's a ball game going on."

Money and Chickens His Hobbies. Money, of course, first of all, next to that, his chickens.

Yes, chickens! A man who would ride all the way from Atlanta to Coffeyville, Kan., just to see that a setting of white orphington eggs was properly placed beneath just the right hen, must certainly be fond of chickens.

For Walter Johnson is only twenty-three years old now, and \$7,000 a year is something of a sum of money for a young man who practices baseball a few months out of a year.

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